



## Annville-Cleona's Brennan surprise Lebanon county champion

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Redemption was never sweeter for Derrik Brennan.

The Annville-Cleona golfer struggled a little more than two weeks ago in his last competitive round when he shot a 92 at Lebanon Country Club during the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championships. That score didn't come close to figuring into the list of qualifiers headed to this weekend's District Three tournament, but Brennan bounced back in a big way Wednesday. The Little Dutchmen's top golfer fired a 78 on the same 6,361-yard, par-72 course to win the Lebanon County championship by a stroke.

Staying even keel, Brennan said, was the key to it all.

"I stayed calm," the junior said. "I didn't keep track of my score."

A-C coach Dean Metzgar agreed that Brennan's ability to

keep his emotions in check was the difference.

"He has the game," the coach said, "he just has to work on the mental aspect."

Brennan's 78 was one shot better than last year's champion Sasha Neufeld-Kreider of Cedar Crest and C.J. Foust of Palmyra, both of whom carded 79s to finish in a tie for second. There was also a tie for fourth place at 81 between Palmyra's Tyler Shank and Cedar Crest's Adam Young.

The team title also came down to Palmyra and Cedar Crest, with the Cougars edging the Falcons by one shot. Palmyra's four-man total was 243.

And Cedar Crest's Malene Frost captured the girls' crown by five shots when she carded an even 100.

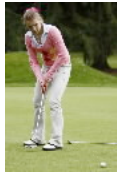
But this day belonged to Brennan. Coming off the 92 in late September lowered

his expectations a little, but Brennan still came into the tournament feeling like he could contend.

"I didn't think I'd win, but I wanted to stay in the top three," he admitted.



Derrik Brennan of Annville-Cleona watches a putt head toward the hole during his winning round of 78 at Lebanon Country Club. (LEBANON DAILY NEWS GORDON OLIVER)



Malene Frost captured the girls' county championship. (LEBANON DAILY NEWS GORDON OLIVER)

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Metzgar knew Brennan had it in him.

"I see it every single day in practice," the coach said. "He should shoot that (score) every day." With about three holes to go, Brennan began to think the title was a possibility, but added "I didn't want to get too overwhelmed by it."

Metzgar said Brennan is very deserving to wear the county crown for the next year.

"He totally deserves it," he said. "He practices harder than anyone."

Brennan relied on his short game to get the job done Wednesday. He even chipped in from the long rough for birdie on No. 15, one of several clutch shots he needed around the green to win.

"If I hit a bad tee shot, I felt like I could get a wedge close," Brennan admitted.

And being able to hit low irons is the key to succeeding at an old course like Lebanon Country Club, Metzgar said.

"If you can control your chipping game, that's basically what the secret is to going low," the coach said. Palmyra and Cedar Crest both had several players post good scores on the unseasonably cold day Wednesday. Aside from Foust's 79 and Shank's 81, Charles White posted an 83 and Cole Wagner carded a 94 to help the Cougars edge the Falcons by a shot. "That was one of our goals we set this year," Palmyra head coach Tim Refi said about winning the county championship. "It was certainly our year to meet goals."

The Cougars also greatly improved their record from last year, going from 7-23 to 20-10. The team is also sending a golfer - Shank - to this weekend's district tournament in York. But the most recent accomplishment Wednesday was in doubt during the first few holes, according to Refi, who didn't like what he saw in the early going.

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"When I first went out and saw them, I thought we'd all shoot in the 90s," he said. "One thing I stressed this year is to finish strong, and they all did. The guys really, really stepped up and played well.

**Notes:** The individual and team medals handed out Wednesday were donated by Cedar Crest head coach Rick Dissinger. ... Lebanon Country Club donated the use of its course for the county event.

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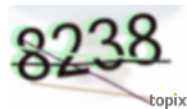
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